

ABAC Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2007

Board members present were Jack Johnson, Stephan Miller, Ted Packard, Ron Sender, Christopher Tonkin, and Scott Smith. Joey Glushko, Doug Greenfield, Erna Green, Jeff Roth, Michael Bloom, and Pete Howard also attended.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

Town Day. Jack sent in the application for the booth. He requested our usual site location in front of the Library. Last month it was suggested that we implement a commuting theme at our Town Day booth. The other theme discussed was bikeway connections. This prompted us to discuss the new connection between the Minuteman Bikeway and the Battle Road path in Lexington.

We discussed the commuting theme further, and Joey added that we should publicize the upcoming bicycle race which will take place on September 30. We once again asked Christopher to lend us his table. Stephan suggested that we mount a copy of the Boston Bicycle Map in easy view so we can show people good commuting routes in the Boston area. Stephan, Ron, Jack, Ted, Christopher, and others will be there to staff the booth.

User Counts. Scott asked for volunteers to take counts at the major bikeway/street intersections. Scott handed out forms for recording the collected information. Scott told us that bikeway traffic was very heavy last Sunday. The places and times are Lake Street and Mill Street at rush hours and weekends. Scott will quantify and massage the data and report back at a future meeting.

DPW maintenance. Jack will be putting together a "to do" list for the DPW including tree trimming, graffiti removal, lane striping, and sign replacement. There are also some areas that require root removal. Stephan noted that an abutter is dumping yard waste along the path behind Spy Pond. Pete told us that several ramps are sandy and should be swept. Pete also said that there is now a new DPW director, John Bean.

Bike racks. The shipment of racks will be here sometime in mid-July. New racks will be placed at Old Schwamb Mill, Town Hall, Window on the Mystic, Broadway Plaza, and at the Railroad street parking lot.

Mass. Ave. corridor. The TAC is assembling a citizen advisory committee to advise on the project. A design firm has been chosen and Jack asked that ABAC has input into the design.

Globe story. Last weekend, the Globe featured a story about the Minuteman Bikeway on the front page. Jack told us his side of the interview. Scott

suggested that we write a letter to the editor to counter the negative tone of the article. We had a brief discussion about civility on the path.

Snow removal. Jeff handed out a memo from the DPW Director which contained his views on snow removal on the bike path.

Open forum. Ron informed us that the Selectmen have licensed a wine and beer store very near the High School on the bike path. He wonders whether this will cause a problem with discarding of bottles and cans on the path.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03

*Denotes a vote was taken.

Minutes submitted by Stephan Miller.